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Honorable Lloyd Levine
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2021 (Levine) Support

Dear Chairman Levine:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your AB 2021, which would require all electric and gas utilities to meet their individually-tailored energy efficiency goals established by the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission.

As you know, California's electricity demand continues to increase each year. Your bill would mitigate such demand, help keep rates low, and would assist California in reaching its greenhouse gas emission targets by requiring the investor-owned and municipal utilities to do all that they can to meet their energy efficiency savings targets.

Moreover, your bill would augment efforts to reduce new power plant construction, lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and diminish our production of carbon emissions.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your bill and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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